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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A topical composition [[comprising]] consisting essentially of, on a weight basis:

0.1-18% of L arginine;

1-15% of lidocaine; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier which includes liposomes disposed in a continuous phase; wherein said lidocaine is disposed within said liposomes, and said L arginine is in said continuous phase.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 2 3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said lidocaine is present in a weight amount of 1-10%.
- 3 4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said lidocaine is present in a weight amount of 5%.
- Up 5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said L arginine comprises 0.1-3 weight percent of said composition.
- 6. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said L arginine comprises, on a weight basis, 1% of said composition.

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- (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said L arginine is present as a salt.
 - 8. (Cancelled)
 - 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim [[9]] 27, wherein said topical corticosteroid is hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof.
 - 11. (Cancelled)
 - 12. (Cancelled)
 - 13. (Cancelled)
 - 14. (Cancelled)
 - 15. (Cancelled)
 - 16. (Cancelled)

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- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Cancelled)
- 19. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an anorectal disorder in a patient, said method comprising applying to the affected area of said patient a composition comprising consisting essentially of L arginine, a local anesthetic and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprising liposomes disposed in a continuous phase;

wherein, said local anesthetic is disposed within said liposomes, and said L arginine is in said continuous phase.

- 12 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said local anesthetic comprises lidocaine.
 - 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said L arginine comprises, on a weight basis, 0.1-5% of said composition.

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- 23. (Cancelled)
- 24. (Cancelled)

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- 25. (Cancelled)
- 26. (Cancelled)
- 27. (New) A topical composition consisting essentially of, on a weight basis:
 - 0.1 18% of L arginine;
 - 1 15% of lidocaine;
 - a topical corticosteroid; and
- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier which includes liposomes disposed in a continuous phase; and

wherein said lidocaine is disposed within said liposomes, and said L arginine is in said continuous phase.

- 28. (New) A topical composition consisting essentially of, on a weight basis:
 - 0.1 18% of L arginine;
 - 1-15% of lidocaine; and
- a material selected from the group consisting of: diltiazem, indomethacin, piroxicam, naproxen, ibuprofen, sildenafil, allantoin, phenylephrine, combinations of the foregoing, and salts of the foregoing.

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29. (New) A method for treating anorectal disorder in a patient, said method comprising applying to the affected area of said patient a composition consiting essentially of:

L arginine;

- a local anesthetic;
- a material selected from the group consisting of: diltiazem, indomethacin, piroxicam, naproxen, ibuprofen, sildenafil, allantoin, phenylephrine, a topical corticosteroid, combinations of the foregoing, and salts of the foregoing;
- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprising liposomes disposed in a continous phase; and

wherein, said local anesthetic is disposed within said liposomes, and said L arginine is in said continuous phase.